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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 0541

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, IR, MP

SUBJECT: GOI INQUIRY RE MAURITIUS

REF: A) TEHRAN 6478; B) STATE 159467

1. GENERALLY CONCUR WITH DEPT COMMENTS REF B.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED HOWEVER THAT PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM HAS NOT REPEAT NOT HIMSELF DIRECTLY PUBLICLY DENIED ACCUSATIONS OF OPPOSITION LEADER DUVAL, WHO WAS SOURCE OF BBC STORY HERE. MEANWHILE, WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN SOVIET EMBASSY HERE IS CONTINUING TO DISCUSS WITH RAMGOOLAM HIS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED BUT NOW UNCERTAIN PLAN TO VISIT MOSCOW IN NEAR FUTURE. PREPARATIONS FOR NEW MAURITIUS-USSR TRADE AGREEMENT HAVE PRESUMABLY BEEN COMPLETED AND WE HAVE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT SOVIETS MAY BE PRESSING RAMGOOLAM FOR SATELLITE TRACKING STATION HERE PRESUMABLY AT SITE OF HMS MAURITIUS, UK NAVY COMMUNICATIONS BASE NOW BEING PHASED OUT. POSSIBLY IN CONNECTIONS WITH POTENTIAL TRACKING STATION, SENIOR KGB OFFICER HAS BEEN HERE FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS NOW.

3. RAMGOOLAM CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN HIS LONG STANDING POLICY OF WELCOMING PORT VISITS BY ANY AND ALL FOREIGN NAVAL VESSELS. MANHARD

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